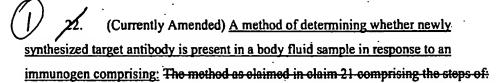
LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims provided below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-21. (Canceled).



(i) (ii) lysing said-lymphocytes whereby to release said target antibodies or parts thereof from said lymphocytes, wherein said lymphocytes are obtained obtaining from a whole blood the sample containing lymphocytes from a subject suspected of undergoing an immune response whereby the lymphocytes are in acute phase of antibody synthesis; and

(ii) (iii) detecting said released target antibodies or parts thereof from the lysed lymphocytes, whereby to determine the presence of newly synthesized target antibody from the lymphocytes indicates whether newly synthesized antibodies are in the body fluid sample.

23. (Canceled).

(Currently Amended) The method of elaim 21 claim 22, wherein said blood sample is peripheral blood.

(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21 or 22, wherein the sample is not incubated to promote synthesis and/or secretion of antibodies prior to the method.

(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21-or 22, wherein the lymphocytes are lysed by using physical disruption means or cell-disrupting buffers or solutions.

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. ((Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claimed	aim 21 or 22, wherein
	the target antibodies or parts thereof are detected by binding to on	-
	which recognize said antibodies or parts thereof.	
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	(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in cl	aim 21 or 22, wherein
	the released target antibodies are detected by means of a solid pha	
	(Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, w	herein the solid phase of
	said solid phase binding assay carries one or more antigens recogn	
	antibody or antibodies or parts thereof to be detected.	
	30. (Canceled)	
3	31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, w	herein the solid phase of
	said solid phase binding assay carries one or more antibodies, whi	ch recognize the target
	antibody or target antibodies or parts thereof to be detected.	•
	(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in cl	aim 21 or 22, wherein
	the method is performed on neonate or infant blood samples for d	
	newly synthesized antibodies and passively transferred maternal a	ntibodies.

(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21 or 22, wherein prior to disrupting the lymphocytes, or after disruption but prior to the detection step, said sample is stored at about 4 °C or less.

(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21 or 22, wherein said blood sample for preparing lymphocytes for use in the method, has a volume of less than 1 ml.

(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21 or 21, wherein		
the lymphocytes are directly isolated from said blood sample.		
(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21-or 2, wherein		
the detecting step is performed by immunoassay.		
(Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the immunoassay		
is enzyme linked immunosorbent assay.		
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(Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein one or more		
antigens, recognized by the target antibodies immobilized on said solid phase, are		
contacted with said solid phase.		
(Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 or 34, wherein one or		
more antibodies, which recognize target antibodies immobilized on said solid phase, are		
contacted with said solid phase.		
(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21 or 2, wherein		
the detection step comprises the addition of an enzyme-antibody conjugate or an enzyme-		
antigen conjugate, and the addition of a soluble substrate, wherein said soluble substrate		
yields a spectrophotometrically detectable signal.		
(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21 or wherein		
the target antibodies or parts thereof are detected by binding to one or more antigens which recognize said antibodies or parts thereof and wherein said method is additionally		
		performed using a negative control antigen.

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(Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein multiple solid phases are employed each bearing a different target antigen, which recognizes a different target antibody.

43-46. (Canceled).

(Currently Amended) The method of elaim 21 claim 22 further comprising determining the amount of a newly synthesized target antibody comprising:

comparing said antibody binding to antibody binding in control and/or reference samples, whereby to obtain a determination of the amount of newly synthesized antibody in response to said antigend.

(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21 elaim 21 or 37, wherein the newly synthesized antibody is synthesized in vivo.

(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21 or 47, wherein the newly synthesized antibody is an antigenically active antibody, which has been produced or synthesized by and within a lymphocyte in vivo as part of an ongoing immune response.